

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the following amendments and comments. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-10, and 13 were pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended and claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 6, 8-10, and 13 are pending.

The Final Office Action dated July 9, 2001 and Board of Appeals Ruling dated May 5, 2005 stated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 1 which now incorporates the limitation which was recited in claim 4. Applicants, therefore, have cancelled claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefore. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

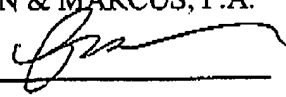
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks it is believed that the claim is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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